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## OMNIBUS TRADE BILL/Worst Forms of Child Labor

**SUBJECT:** African Growth and Opportunity Act . . . H.R. 434. Harkin/Helms amendment No. 2495 to the Roth/Moynihan substitute amendment No. 2325.

### ACTION: AMENDMENT AGREED TO, 96-0

**SYNOPSIS:** As introduced, H.R. 434, the African Growth and Opportunity Act, will expand trade with the 48 Sub-Saharan African (SSA) nations by making qualifying SSA nations eligible for enhanced benefits under the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) program, by giving qualifying SSA nations duty-free and quota-free access to the United States for certain apparel products, by creating a Trade and Economic Cooperation Forum between the United States and SSA countries, and by directing the President to begin plans for implementing a United States-SSA free trade area.

The Roth/Moynihan substitute amendment would enact the Trade and Development Act. The substitute: would include provisions similar to the House provisions to expand trade with SSA countries; would reauthorize the expired GSP program, which grants the President the authority to provide duty-free treatment to imports of eligible articles from designated countries; would reauthorize the expired Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) programs, which provide assistance to workers adversely affected by import competition; and would enact the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Enhancement Act, which would expand the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI) by providing additional tariff preferences on a number of products not previously covered.

**The Harkin/Helms amendment** would deny benefits under this Act from going to any country that failed to meet and effectively enforce the standards regarding child labor established by the International Labor Organization Convention (No. 182) for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor. The President would be required to report annually on the enforcement of, and the compliance with, those standards.

**Those favoring** the amendment contended:

Convention 182, for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labor, was adopted in June of this year. The Administration

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Republican (53 or 100%)		Democrats (43 or 100%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (0 or 0%)	Republicans (1)	Democrats (2)
Abraham	Hutchinson	Akaka	Kerrey			McCain- <sup>2</sup>	Inouye- <sup>2</sup>
Allard	Hutchison	Baucus	Kerry				Kennedy- <sup>2</sup>
Ashcroft	Inhofe	Bayh	Kohl				
Bennett	Jeffords	Biden	Landrieu				
Bond	Kyl	Bingaman	Lautenberg				
Brownback	Lott	Boxer	Leahy				
Bunning	Lugar	Breaux	Levin				
Burns	Mack	Bryan	Lieberman				
Campbell	McConnell	Byrd	Lincoln				
Cochran	Murkowski	Cleland	Mikulski				
Collins	Nickles	Conrad	Moynihan				
Coverdell	Roberts	Daschle	Murray				
Craig	Roth	Dodd	Reed				
Crapo	Santorum	Dorgan	Reid				
DeWine	Sessions	Durbin	Robb				
Domenici	Shelby	Edwards	Rockefeller				
Enzi	Smith, Bob	Feingold	Sarbanes				
Fitzgerald	Smith, Gordon	Feinstein	Schumer				
Frist	Snowe	Graham	Torricelli				
Gorton	Specter	Harkin	Wellstone				
Gramm	Stevens	Hollings	Wyden				
Grams	Thomas	Johnson					
Grassley	Thompson						
Gregg	Thurmond						
Hagel	Voinovich						
Hatch	Warner						
Helms							

#### EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

#### SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

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finished its legal reviews of the convention and submitted it to the Senate for ratification on August 5. Senator Helms has moved the treaty through the Foreign Relations Committee in record time, and it is now ready for consideration by the full Senate. So far, there are 160 signatories to the convention, but only one country, Seychelles, has ratified it. We hope the Senate will ratify it shortly and will successfully prevail on other countries to approve it as well. Unfortunately, we are not certain of how easy it will be to get every country to ratify and follow it. It may well be the work of a generation to finally eliminate the horrible forms of child labor addressed by this convention, which include prostitution, drug trafficking, slavery, and hazardous, life-threatening labor. Such labor constitutes child abuse and crimes against humanity. By approving this amendment, we will take the first step in pressuring all nations into joining the United States in stopping these abuses, which are all too common in many parts of the world. We urge our colleagues to join us in approving this amendment.

**No arguments were expressed in opposition to the amendment.**